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**MINUTES
STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

Date: March 8, 2002
Location: West Coast SeaTac Hotel, SeaTac

Council Members Present: Jim Lewis, Chair; Stan Price, Vice Chair; Sue Alden; Dave Baker; Chris Endresen; John Fulginiti; Bill Misocky; Steve Nuttall; Terry Poe; Dave Saunders; Dale Shafer

Council Members Absent: Rory Calhoun, Rick Ford

Visitors Present: Bob Eugene, John McDonald, Paul O'Connor, Dave Cantrell, John Hogan

Staff Present: Tim Nogler, Al Rhoades, Krista Braaksma, Patti Thorn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Jim Lewis, Council Chair. Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed. Bill Misocky asked about postponing the election of Council officers. Jim replied the postponement will continue until the Governor's Council appointments are made. Tim Nogler confirmed that the only actions taken to date by the Governor are the reappointment of Bill Misocky, Rick Ford and Dale Shafer. The agenda was approved as written.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of the January 11, 2002 Council meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ESA Oversight Committee

Jim commented that it was good to see Gene Colin, a former Council member, at the ESA Oversight Committee. He said the basic goal of the Committee is to review the management of water from construction sites. Dave Baker added that the Committee discussed dividing the three proposed model ordinances to provide for individual adoption by local jurisdictions. Two editorial changes were made, to be completed by staff. Tim confirmed the changes and added that public comment will be received by the Committee preceding completion of the ordinance and termination of the Committee. Jim said the Committee plans to review demonstration projects in Eastern and Western Washington. Tim brought up the fact that the ESA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be terminated. He requested that a letter be sent to TAG members advising them of the sunset and thanking them for their service. Dave Baker pointed out the importance of public comment.

Motion #1:

Chris Endresen moved the ESA Oversight Committee continue through a public comment period preliminary to its Council recommendation on a model ordinance. Sue Alden seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Building, Fire and Plumbing (BFP) Codes Committee

Dave Saunders, Chair of the BFP Committee, said the adult family home rulemaking process was considered as the result of an industry request. The Committee will appoint a TAG to study the issue, to be chaired by Steve Nuttall. Some TAG members have been determined, and others are being sought. Meetings will occur after all members have been named.

Dave said one of the interpretation requests before the BFP Committee dealt with adult family homes, Interpretation Request No. 02-March 01. He said the Committee decided to have the Adult Family Home TAG study the issue and report to the BFP Committee in May.

Three other interpretation requests were before the Committee, all dealing with barrier-free requirements. They were Revised Draft Interpretation No. 02-January 01 from the City of Seattle regarding accessibility in existing buildings, No. 02-March 04 from the

City of Vancouver regarding signs for accessible parking spaces, and No. 02-March 05 from the City of Bellevue regarding open office partitions. The BFP Committee voted to approve each of these interpretations as recommended by staff.

Tim said that Interpretation No. 02-March 01 was tabled. Dave agreed, clarifying that the issue will be studied by the Adult Family Home TAG. Tim said the TAG will review the rule, including the definition of adult family homes. Dave said the rule may or may not need to be amended after the TAG study. Steve said his intent, as TAG Chair, is to lead the review of the rule and definition as two separate issues, even though they are associated.

Mechanical, Ventilation and Energy (MVE) Codes Committee

Stan Price, Committee Chair, said the MVE Committee reviewed existing interpretations in relation to the 2000 and 2001 versions of the Washington State Energy Code (WSEC), to determine which interpretations are still applicable. The Committee approved Interpretation No. 02-Mar02 and Interpretation No. 02-Mar03 as recommended by staff. In addition an interpretation request was hand-carried from the City of Seattle regarding Chapter 4 of the 2001 WSEC. The Committee discussed staff's recommendation and decided on further deliberation. Stan said he and Dale Shafer, after further discussion, suggest additional language to staff's recommendation. He recommends postponing action until the next Council meeting on May 10.

Finally Stan said the Committee was updated about the status of the staff position vacant following Judith Darst's departure. Everything has been done to keep that position open and fillable, given budget constraints and the hiring freeze.

Legislative Committee

Chris Endresen, Chair of the Legislative Committee, said HB 1555, the codes bill, passed the Senate and returned to the House. Its fate will be known on March 14, and whether or not the Council will enter rulemaking. She said a conference call meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on March 14. Anyone not on the Legislative Committee who wishes to be included in that conference call should contact Patti Thorn. An additional, regularly scheduled, conference call will be held on April 12.

Chris said the fee bill, while still alive, is mired in the budget process, with a doubtful future.

STAFF REPORT

Tim advised that Council staff is streamlining the meeting notification process and reducing mailing bulk by posting pre-meeting mailing information to the Council web site at www.sbcc.wa.gov. To date the newsletter/agenda mailing list has been notified of the optional way of obtaining meeting information. Other mailing list members will receive

it at a later date. Tim said electronic distribution, used with the Legislative Committee this session, will be used more in the future. Additional equipment to be purchased, such as a scanner, will aid electronic distribution. He said the Governor's directive based on the budget shortfall requires not only a hiring freeze, but also a review process for travel and equipment purchases during this fiscal year. Tim indicated to CTED management the need for an April Council meeting in addition to a May meeting in Spokane. Presently a Council conference call meeting is scheduled for April 12. But depending upon the outcome of legislation, an in-person meeting may be necessary to establish future work.

Tim said additional travel includes attendance by Krista Braaksma and Al Rhoades at a Washington Association of Building Officials' educational seminar in June. And he reserved attendance for one staff to attend International Code Council hearings in Pittsburgh when they review the International Residential Code and International Fuel Gas Code. Tim said he is presently chairing a task force on safeguarding facilities under the Committee on Terrorism. However his future participation on that task force is questionable based on enacted legislation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim thanked both Krista and Stan for their work on Energy Code issues.

Lacking further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. by Chairman Lewis.